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F R E E

## Belleville DDA considers \$25,000 'partnership' with Lake Fest/Chamber

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Alicia McGovern, chairperson of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, proposed a "partnership" with Lake Fest and Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce with a donation of \$25,000.

She said this was a recommendation of the DDA's Economic Development subcommittee.

McGovern, of Van Buren Township with her business in the Belleville DDA district, and Kelly McWilliams of Van Buren Township with her business in the City of Belleville outside of the DDA district, make up the DDA's new Economic Development subcommittee, along with DDA Director/Deputy City Manager Tim McLean. McWilliams represents the Chamber of Commerce on the DDA.

"It's not seed money," McGovern said in beginning her presentation to the board at its regular meeting on April 20. She said it was a "partnership" over Lake Fest.

Director McLean recalled how when the person from the Northville DDA attended their meeting, she said it spends \$30,000 on promotions. He said the Royal Oak DDA has a large budget and spends \$100,000 for Beats & Eats. He said the money pays for neat things that can be done.

"Lake Fest is something we can support," said McGovern, adding that the festival has to pay for DPW and police presence. "If we have a recession, that would hurt."

Director McLean pointed out the lake is the biggest asset the city has and should be promoted.

In a memo to the board, McLean said the Economic Development committee has identified the need for a one-time appropriation from the DDA fund balance to establish a line item in the budget for an economic-development-related item. He said this includes repairs and maintenance to various items in the streetscape on Main Street.

"The Economic Development committee has suggested a one-time appropriation of \$50,000. A portion of this appropriation could be utilized for a partnership with the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce on the Lake Fest event.

"If the DDA board is receptive to this idea, my recommendation would be to take this to DDA Budget Committee with a recommendation," McLean concluded in his memo.

McGovern said they could truly "sponsor" Winter Fest and have a "partnership" with Lake Fest.

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### Court Watching:

## Ariyah Bennett faces six charges after melee at Shell gas station in VBT

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Ariyah Kela Bennett, 26, of Ypsilanti is facing six charges after her arrest following a melee on April 26 at the Shell gas station at the corner of Belleville Road and the South I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township.

She was video arraigned by 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Magistrate Al Hindman

on April 28 while in custody at the Van Buren Township police department. Her probable cause conference was set for May 11. She is free on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond and was warned to have no contact with those involved in the incident.

The charges are:

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Bennett



Before being honored as the new Belleville High School Distinguished Graduates at the BHS Auditorium on Friday, many of the Distinguished Graduates from past years dined together with them at the Belleville Yacht Club. The 2019-20 Distinguished Graduates gathered for a picture. From left are Lori Summer, widow of the late Alan Summer, a 1968 graduate, who earned a special posthumous award; Katherine Weather, 1982; Elizabeth Boyar, standing in for her friend 101-year-old Bettina Caldwell, 1938; and Walter and Joyce Rochowiak, Class of 1963.



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Oztman

On April 28, a crew from Quality Glass of Brighton installed two large glass doors on the new addition of the Belleville Area Museum. Plans were for an antique car to be on display in the new connection between the museum and the former Belleville fire station behind it. There is no connection to the new Belleville Area District Library.





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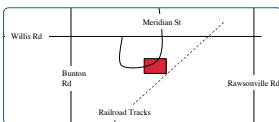
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## Court watching

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- Malicious destruction of personal property from \$1,000 to \$20,000;
- Two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault);
- Malicious destruction of personal property, from \$200 to \$1,000;
- Reckless driving; and
- Assault or assault and battery.

The surveillance video of the incident is being shown on YouTube. Two females reportedly were meeting to trade clothing when a wild altercation erupted and the defendant crashed her car, which carried an infant in the back seat, into a person, several cars and gas station property before grabbing a baseball bat and breaking out a back window of a car.

A Belleville police officer backed up the two Van Buren Township officers at the incident.

**Ashton Linn Brooks**  
**Kerry Williams**

The probable cause conference for Ashton Linn Brooks, 30, of Detroit was adjourned from April 20 to April 27 because discovery is needed by the appointed defense attorney on charges of possession of burglar's tools and larceny from a motor vehicle on April 5 in Van Buren Township.

The Brooks' case is linked with the case of Kerry Williams, 31, of Detroit who has the same charges on the same date. His case was also adjourned until April 27, to keep the two together.

On April 27, both cases were scheduled for a live preliminary exam on June 8.

**Drew Andrew Gilbert, II**

Drew Andrew Gilbert, II, 39, of the City of Belleville, was arraigned on Feb. 4 by Judge Oakley on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), assault or assault and battery, and malicious destruction of personal property more than \$200 on Nov. 20 in the City of Belleville. He was scheduled for his probable cause conference on Feb. 16. Personal bond was set at \$5,000 and he was not to have any contact with the alleged victim. On Feb. 16, the probable cause conference was reset for March 2. On March 2, the defense attorney said she needed the body camera discovery and Sgt. Kris Faull, who was present by zoom for another case, said she would check on if the body cameras were being used at the time of the incident. Another probable cause conference was set

for March 16 and then adjourned until March 30 and then adjourned until April 6 and then until April 13. On that date his live preliminary exam on the charges was set for May 25. New charges were filed for assault with intent to murder and two counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder on March 18 in the City of Belleville. His probable cause conference was scheduled for April 13 and his preliminary exam for May 25. He was being held in the Wayne County Jail on \$50,000 cash/surety/10% bond and if he is released he must wear a GPS tether.

## VBT approves program to provide cyber security

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
*Independent Editor*

"We deal in restful nights and warm, cuddly feelings," Kevin Fullerton, president of ThinkGard, told the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at its workshop meeting on April 19.

The contract that was discussed at length at the workshop, was unanimously approved in the regular meeting. It will cost \$31,800 per year for three years.

Fullerton, appearing by zoom, said his firm, founded in 2013, deals in data protection only. Based in Birmingham, Ala., it has clients in 20 states.

It is Cloud Based/On-Premise Disaster Recovery for the township.

He said his firm works with hardware, software, cloud, service backup and data recovery and tests every server every day, with storage in Pennsylvania and Utah, far away from VBT by design.

If data from an entire office is lost, the office can be run offsite through this program.

"We were afraid of the cost of the cloud," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara, noting other communities have seen their cloud rates rise. He said Canton pays over \$100,000 and the cost is high in Livonia.

He said currently the township stores its drives at the fire station.

Supervisor McNamara said there are imminent treats of ransomware in the next few years.

Trustee Reggie Miller asked if they had other Michigan clients and Nolan Griffin, who was present in person from the firm, said the only one is St. Joseph Township.

Trustee Miller asked about ransomware attacks on their clients and Griffin said there were six in 2021 and all their backups stayed in place.

Steve Rankin, director of the township's IT department, said he spent the last three months researching the issue and found ThinkGard to be the high bidder of three but having the best operation.

"When I heard they go after backups, I feel vulnerable," Director Rankin told the board. "I don't want something to happen and then you ask me why I didn't do something."

Trustee Kevin Martin said he thought the contract was a great idea, but he wanted to know who owned the data.

Fullerton said when the contract is over, all information is deleted.

"It's a pretty fool-proof operation," said Trustee Martin. "I'm all for it."

Treasurer Sharry Budd said, "I'm impressed."

Rankin said there are six servers in the fire department and old files are overwritten and can't be retrieved.

Fullerton said although his company was

organized in 2013, he has been doing this kind of work for 20 years in the corporate community.

When asked how soon he could start, he said the hardware is here and ready to go and after he gets the information from Rankin, it will take two days to get it up.

Fullerton said VBT would get unlimited storage in their cloud. He said 90% of their base is in the public sector and the flat is so you can manage budgets. He said there is a very specific cloud for data recovery.

Rankin said this would be just for township servicers and public safety, but the video from the cars and other videos is a vast amount of data.

McNamara said there are 40 cops, 40 cameras, and 40 cars.

Treasurer Budd said they only save the videos for so long and then they are scrolled over.

Trustee Donald Boynton said, "It's a big deal, being a security person myself."

Trustee Miller thanked Rankin for being proactive instead of reactive.

"Sometime we'll talk to a body and they can't make it work," said Griffin. "Then there's ransomware and then they call us back."

In other business at the April 19 meeting, the board:

- Reapproved the Township Investment Policy and Authorized Investment Institutions. Treasurer Budd said this only adds the names where the township is investing;

- Approved the price increase from \$5 per column inch to \$7 per column inch for publications in the Belleville Independent as of May 1;

- Viewed a video by Michael Japowicz of the VBT Police Department Accreditation. Present to comment were Sgt. Louis Keele, Lt. Charles Bazy, and Sgt. Adam Byrd, who worked on the accreditation. Others who worked on the accreditation were not present: Police Chief Jason Wright was out of state on a family emergency, and former Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain, who has retired. The video will be shown on the township's social media site and website. Trustee Boynton asked that it also be put on YouTube;

- Approved the selection of Graphic House, Inc. for the Gateway Signage project for \$176,698;

- Approved selection of Graphic House, Inc. for the Park Signage Phase II project for \$119,124;

- Approved the selection of Santoro Services, LLC for the Belleville Area Museum Landscape & Irrigation improvement project for \$100,819.15. Elizabeth Renaud, Director of Community Services, said the work includes removal of trees, landscaping, putting in a secondary

patio on Roys Street, irrigation for the landscaping, redoing walkways, and an archway sign that mirrors the Fourth Street Square sign across Main Street. Work is expected to begin in mid-May and be done by the end of June, she said. Mark Russell of Russell Design said currently the museum has a "lackluster" appearance. They will add a couple of benches, the patio on Roys Street so people can look at the Model A in the glass enclosure, relocate the flagpole to a more prominent position in the front, add perennial flowers and automatic irrigation. McNamara said they are removing the parking area and the dumpster. He quoted Renaud as saying, "It will be transformative";

- Heard McNamara announce a visioning workshop on the Belleville Area Museum, 5-7 p.m. June 1, at the Belleville Area District Library. He quoted Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley as saying the goal will be: "Envisioning our future, while preserving our history";

- Heard Trustee Martin announce Community Day at the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court in Romulus from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, May 6;

- Heard McNamara say the sidewalks that need repair in Haggerty Subdivision so property owners will know what needs to be done in their yards. Also, he announced southbound Haggerty from Tyler to I-94 has been closed for the summer for road work. He said he has no word yet on the proposed roadwork on Haggerty between Ecorse and Van Born; and

- Heard Steve Darke say via zoom under public comment that there has been graffiti for six months at the corner of Haggerty and Ecorse. He was told they were waiting for the weather to change to attend to the problem.

## COVID-19 deaths remain at 130 in 48111, positive tests total 9,152

The total number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code remained at 130 as of Monday, May 2, according to figures from the Wayne County Health Department.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 9,152 on Monday, May 2, up from 9,068 on Monday, April 25.

On Monday, May 2, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 6,273 positive cases, 87 deaths; City of Belleville, 1,046 positive cases, 13 deaths; and Sumpter Township 1,833 positive cases, 30 deaths.

The Van Buren Public Schools had 24 positive tests recorded last week. As of April 29 there has been a total of 596 positive cases since the beginning of the school year last August. Deaths, if any, are not reported.



# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Beautiful Belleville Lake? Just don't eat the fish

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has released the newest Eat Safe Fish Guide, the pamphlet that is supposed to be given to people who buy their fishing licenses.

The "Do Not Eat" advisory for fish has been upgraded to warn everyone not to eat any fish at all out of Belleville Lake or from Ford Lake, upstream in Washtenaw County.

The booklet says filets of fish from the lakes and rivers in the state have been tested for chemicals. The chemicals of concern locally are PFOS.

It lists fish not to eat from Belleville Lake as bluegill, carp, catfish, gizzard shad, largemouth and smallmouth bass, suckers, sunfish, walleye, and all other species.

It warns that PFOS (perfluorooctane sulfonate), a newer chemical, may continue to be found in the environment for a long time even though it is now rarely used in the U.S. It was used for waterproofing clothes, fire-fighting foams, papers and packaging, cleaning products, and pesticides.

Potential PFO health problems include harming of thyroid function and brain development in fetuses and children. It warns eating even one fish isn't safe.

All this is to say, we can continue to enjoy the beauty and fun of Belleville Lake, but must NOT EAT ANYTHING that comes out of it. So sad.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We received a phone call and an email on something that happened around 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26. Our caller said she was in the area of I-94 and Beck Road and saw a lot of Van Buren Township and Michigan State Police cars. She said it looked like they were looking for someone and one car went back to Belleville Road and returned. She saw handcuffs on two people.

The email said: "Tuesday, April 26, at around 3:30 p.m., there were somewhere around 12 police cars at Ryznar Dr. along the I-94 South Service Drive. I heard State Police were also involved. Do you have any idea what happened?"

VBT Police Chief Jason Wright said that this was a MSP traffic stop of a vehicle eastbound on I-94. There were multiple people in the car and two people ran off toward Ryznar Drive. Chief Wright said VBT sent some cars to help them search. He said the MSP caught one and VBT Sgt. Ryan McCormick caught one.

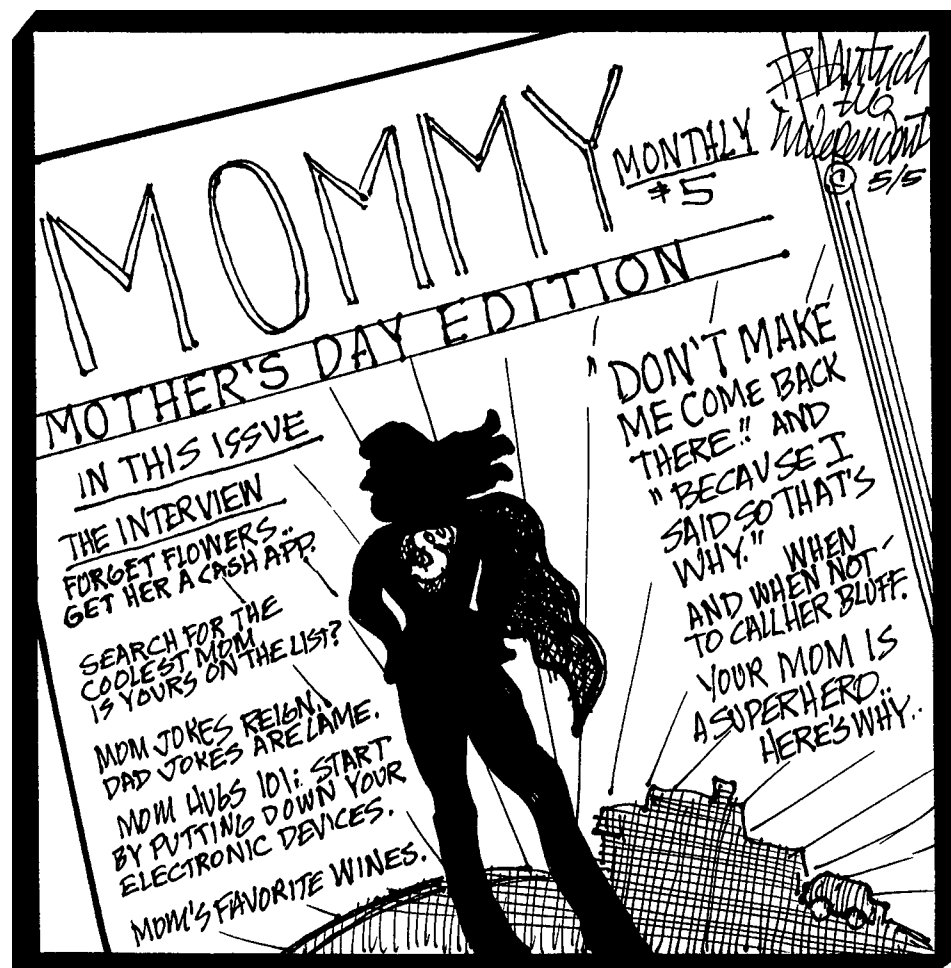
Chief Wright said he does not know what initiated the traffic stop.

Thanks to both of our tipsters who witnessed what was going on.

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My son Bill was on his way home from work just before 4 p.m. on April 25. A large asphalt truck was in front of him on Haggerty, heading south from E. Huron River Drive and it was driving slower than the speed limit. It was good that it was slower because as they got to Savage Road, a woman in a silver car slowly turned across his pathway to head northbound on Haggerty.

Bill showed us the 50 feet of rubber still on Haggerty Road that the asphalt truck



driver left on the roadway as he skillfully braked his vehicle and avoided hitting the crazy driver. Good thing he wasn't looking at his cell phone at that moment. Bill praises that driver's watchfulness. Bill was very glad not to be witness to a terrible accident.

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Over the week end the Pope called for prayers for Mariupol, explaining it is named after Mary and May is the month to celebrate Mother Mary. I didn't know that city was named for Mary, but if you break the word down, there it is. Prayers are needed everywhere, every month.

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State Rep. Ranjeev Puri was due to have a coffee hour in Canton on Monday, but sent out a message Monday afternoon that he had tested positive for COVID and had to cancel his meeting and isolate according to CDC guidelines.

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The new signs marking the edges of the BORA-DORA district are about to be ordered. The Belleville City Council decided it wanted black signs with white letters with red "out" words and green "in" word, marking when you are going in or out of the district.

BORA-DORA is short for Belleville Outdoor Refreshment Area – Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area where you can walk around outside drinking alcoholic beverages in downtown Belleville. You

have to have a special container from a bar that has been certified by the state.

Pastor White from Grace Baptist Church, across from Horizon Park in downtown Belleville, has asked the council to consider changing the boundaries some to keep the drinking area away from his church.

The council has agreed to put his request on the agenda of its next meeting on May 16. That's the same meeting they have invited residents to attend to tell them their opinions of going back to monthly billing for water and trash. They can have an opinion on whether or not they want a rate hike, but that's not on the table. The council has to raise the user rate for trash pickup because the present rate isn't covering the total charged by Republic Services.

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Many people have complimented the city on the restriping of Main Street recently completed by Grant Memering's GMS company. At Monday's city council meeting, Councilwoman Kelly Bates said she really likes the arrows painted on South Liberty Street where it intersects with East Columbia Ave. to show drivers where to turn.

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## Letters

### Hope we don't regret metal detector decision

To the editor:

I never thought of metal detectors as being racist, however I think they can detect metal such as in guns, knives, brass knuckles, etc. They do not detect complexions of students' skin.

Our students should know that in their future they'll be required to pass through many metal detectors, such as in airports, factories, power plants, and many civic buildings and, yes, even some other schools.

I believe we'll all have to be inconvenienced with these devices until we find a better solution for all the illegal guns and weapons.

In closing, I hope that in the future we don't regret not installing those metal detectors.

Jim Graham  
City of Belleville

### Shocked by total lack of concern for students

To the editor:

As a Belleville resident, I am shocked by the total lack of concern for students lives by the superintendent Kudlak and his lackeys at the school board. With the never-ending parents' worst nightmares of school shootings, the attitude of the school board, not acting with pro-active measures, is risking the lives they are sworn to educate and protect. How many guns, now being brought to the schools, will it take before one of them is used and there are terrible consequences to fall upon us?

As the paper put in in the April 28 edition, big-city crimes are hitting our small communities. Drugs, guns, violence, crimes big and small, are all here, in front of our eyes, but, how long before they turn deadly? How long before those said crimes end in tragedy at our local school?

Yes, how long? Only two guns reported so far. How many more made it through that we don't know about? Yeah you, Mr. Kudlak? School board? Any student's death would be blood on your hands. Must we wait to have the worst happen, before you lose your jobs, because you didn't take steps to prevent the worst from happening? Just look at other school shootings; the after-shock always comes back to the schools being unprepared or silent on protection of the students and teachers.

The biggest mistake being made here is the announcement that metal detectors are racist. This non-sense has to stop. All the students would have to file through the sensors, not just minorities. Electricity is colorblind, people. We as a society have brought this upon our own selves. Color has nothing to do with this. Using wands will; if three minorities are seen having a wand used on them, and only one white

person is, how do you expect this to play out?

Mathematics proves there is no such things as random results. If you want to look at your statistics, the majority of the shooters are white, troubled males. Where are your "racist" policies now? What would you rather do, appease groups of people, who you are cowering down to, or deal with the aftermath of a shooting event? I cannot even begin to fathom your lack of care for the wards you are tasked with protecting.

In the bigger, real-world picture, your lack of actions, will come back to haunt you. I can only hope that nothing serious happens on your tenure. You may feel safe and secure now, but there is no amount of personal "self-satisfaction insurance" that will be there to protect you while dead bodies lie on the floor in front of you.

Your claims of fear of racist tropes is only created by your own fears and words. Your foolhardy lack of responsibility will not protect you from the anger and hate that will come from the parents of any child harmed. No single life will justify your inactions. It's your head that is on the chopping block. There are no easy answers, but one thing remains constant, it's cheaper to be pro-active now. If you are still scared to think wisely, remember Oakland school shooting. It's real.

I have no children but am still concerned.

Bob Balderston  
Belleville

### Call it 'racist' because you don't like it?

To the editor:

Mr. Kudlak said metal detectors are a racist practice across the country. Perhaps he should notify the TSA.

I'm tired of hearing people call something racist just because they don't like it. That diminishes true racism. As for Mrs. Falconer pointing out she has "two black sons" -- Why put race into it? Why not just say "I have two sons"? Who is the one bringing race into the discussion? I couldn't care less about the color of your children's skin.

In some cases, metal detectors are a necessary tool to combat bringing weapons into certain areas. Although, I don't believe metal detectors in the school are appropriate. If someone wants to bring a weapon into the school, they will find a way.

Joseph Flange  
Van Buren Township

### Didn't Supt. Kudlak hear about Oxford?

To the editor:

Apparently, School Superintendent Kudlak didn't hear about what happened at Oxford High School a few months ago.

D. A. Williams  
Dearborn Heights



# Obituaries



Linda Annette (Wall)  
Traskos

## LINDA ANNETTE (WALL) TRASKOS

(April 1, 1929 – April 20, 2022)

Linda Annette (Wall) Traskos, age 74, life-long Belleville, MI, resident, passed away suddenly at her home on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. She was born May 15, 1947, in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of Bernard Arthur & Virginia Irene (Mitchell) Wall. She attended Belleville High School and graduated with the Class of 1965.

Linda worked at Van Buren Township in both the Clerk's Office and on the garbage truck. She later bartended for many years at Lakeview Tavern. She then went on to waitress at both Dimitri's Country Kitchen and Mike's Red Apple. The customers she met while working became regulars and friends.

In her spare time, she enjoyed gardening, cooking, arts & crafts, going antique shopping with her daughter, trips to the zoo and was an avid hummingbird lover. She loved spending time at the family cottage with her mother, daughter, and grandson at Houghton Lake. Most of all, she loved her pets and time spent with her family.

Linda is survived by her daughter Jennifer (Howard) Branham and her grandson Joshua Brice, both of Belleville, MI, two nieces, two nephews, as well as numerous friends and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents Bernard & Virginia and two brothers Richard (Dick) Wall & Bernard (Chum) Wall. Visitation was 4-8 PM Sunday and 10-11 AM Monday, May 2, 2022, with an 11 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Drex Morton officiated.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the funeral home, to help defray expenses, are appreciated. You can give by clicking the payment button at the top right corner of the funeral home's website home page, or <https://www.davidcbrownfh.com/page/payment>



## REIGNOLD ARCHIE MINER, JR.

(April 1, 1929 – April 24, 2022)

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# More Letters

## BHS sports to honor Harper Mathis

To the editor:

All BHS sports will be honoring and supporting Harper Mathis the week of

May 9 by wearing teal and grey. Grey is to represent brain cancer and teal is Harper's favorite color.

Harper is a 12-year-old girl who is known by so many and is a FIGHTER and will continue to FIGHT! She loves soccer and will be present at the soccer game on May 10. You will find her on the field with the varsity players! #HarperStrong

Angie McCluskey

# Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, May 12 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission quarterly meeting, 7 p.m.

• Monday, May 16 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

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# Obituaries



Perry Lee Carnahan

**PERRY LEE CARNAHAN**  
 (June 9, 1952 – April 22, 2022)  
 Perry Lee Carnahan, lifelong resident of Belleville, passed away suddenly, Friday, April 22, 2022, at the age of 69. Perry graduated from Belleville High School in 1970 and was an active member of the swim team. Perry could often be found riding his motorcycles around town or working on them in his driveway. Perry enjoyed playing tennis with his father and brothers. He also enjoyed playing recreational softball.  
 After high school, Perry graduated from the police academy and went on to work for Wayne County Sheriff's Department until his retirement.  
 Perry is preceded in death by his brother Kenneth Jr. in infancy, his brother Kurt Carnahan, and his father Kenneth Carnahan. He leaves behind his mother Shirley Carnahan, his sister Pamela (John) Toporek, and his brother Kevin (Heidi) Carnahan. He also leaves a niece Brooke and several nephews Ken, Brett (Mariam), Kurt Jr., John Paul, Blake, and great-nieces Mila and Ayah. Perry further leaves many cousins and friends and will be greatly missed by all.  
 Visitation for Mr. Carnahan were held on Thursday, April 28, 2022, with a Funeral Service on Friday, April 29, 2022, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home located at 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family.  
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Jeffrey Archer

**JEFFREY ARCHER**  
 (December 7, 1949 – April 6, 2022)  
 Jeffrey Archer, age 72, of Ann Arbor, MI, passed away suddenly, after another adventure; scuba diving off the coast of Florida, on April 6, 2022, a life taken too soon. Jeff was a loving husband, father, and brother. Jeff grew up in Belleville and graduated from Central Michigan University, earning a bachelor's degree in education. He then began teaching in Belleville in 1972 where he taught both Junior and Senior High English and History for 37 years, a career he truly enjoyed. A popular teacher with both the students and the staff, he touched so many lives with his humor, outgoing nature, kind words and willingness to help a friend. Jeff will be greatly missed by so many. His passion as a teacher was only one of his talents, he also enjoyed a continued learning of history, cars, photography, and scuba diving.  
 Jeff is survived by his wife of 45 years Lynn Archer, son Matthew, and sister Lisa Archer Young. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and nephews and extended family and friends.  
 A private family burial has been arranged in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI, and a celebration of his life will be announced at a future date. Please check back at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).  
 Donations in his memory can be made to Yankee Air Museum at <https://yankeearmuseum.org/> or Belleville Area Museum at [https://www.vanburen-mi.org/community/belleville\\_area\\_museum/index.php](https://www.vanburen-mi.org/community/belleville_area_museum/index.php).



Philip Ford

**PHILIP FORD**  
 (June 27, 1956 – April 12, 2022)  
 Philip Ford, 65, of Fort Myers, FL, son of the late Philip Ford and Beverly (Zahari) Fryer, passed away Tuesday, April 12, 2022. He was born June 27, 1956 and was a long-time resident of Willis, MI.  
 Phil loved playing the lottery and spending time with his family and friends. He especially loved heading up north to go camping. He recently moved to Florida, which was his retirement dream and was enjoying every moment.  
 He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Judi Ford and children Holly Oberle and her husband Mike, Jenna Rakotz and her fiancé Bryan Butzin, and Eddie Rakotz and his wife Jennifer. Three grandchildren, Mikey, Brayden and Emmy, who absolutely adored him. And four brothers and sisters, Clarice, Deborah, Mark and Scott.  
 Phil was a person who could make friends anywhere he went. He was kind, generous and an all-around great person. He will be incredibly missed by all who knew him. Please keep Phil and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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# Obituaries



Lillian May Peters

## LILLIAN MAY PETERS

(May 6, 1923 – January 29, 2022)

Lillian May Peters, age 98, of Belleville, MI passed away Saturday, January 29, 2022 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born May 6, 1923 in Adrian, MI the daughter of William and Theresa Kruger. She grew up on a farm with three sisters (Anita, Esther, Clara) and one brother (Marvin). She worked at the Willow Run plant during World War 2 building the B24 Bombers. She also worked at the Saline Ford plant for 30 years before retiring to help take care of her grandchildren.

She married Robert L. Peters on July 18, 1946. She's been a Belleville resident for 70 years. Robert and Lillian had a home built in 1951 where they not only raised their three children but also had grandchildren and great-grandchildren raised there as well. Their home and door were always open. She loved her family very much. She was a devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother / great-grandmother. Lillian was known by many for her contagious smile during her daily lunches with her sister Esther at Arby's. During her outings you wouldn't catch her without her eyebrows, rosy cheeks, and pink lips.

Everyone that knew her knew the excitement and the love she had when playing her favorite game Skip-Bo (even when she tried to play it off that she wasn't cheating). Her love was endless when it came to her man crush John Wayne and her daily watching of Johnny Cash in Walk the Line.

Lillian is survived by her children; Peggy (Tom) Thick of Stockbridge, MI, Pamela (Wayne) Smith of Allen Park, MI, Ricky (Jackie) Peters of Belleville, MI; grandchildren Randy (Jeanenne) Thick, Chandra Thick, Brandon Wilkinson, Brandon Peters, Curtis (Jen) Wilkinson, Sheree (Ben) Steiner, Ashley (Daniel) Peters, Joseph Wilkinson, Daniel (Sarah) Wilkinson, and Jade Bagas; great-grandchildren Taylor, Hannah, Malakhi, Damen, Lilly, Aidan, Andrew, Wyatt, Liam and Grant. She was preceded in death by her parents William and Theresa; husband Robert; sisters Anita, Esther, Clara; brother Marvin, and nephew Jack.

A Celebration of Life Service in Lillian's honor will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. at the Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville, MI (734) 697-9400. Pastor Drex Morton will serve as celebrant. The Peters family will greet guests from 12 Noon until the time of service.

## BHS Girls Soccer last home game

• **Tuesday, May 10:** BHS Girls Soccer at home, against Stevenson – Senior Night. JV is at 5:30 p.m. and Varsity at 7 p.m.

-- Angie McCluskey



Vicki Jean Scharp  
"Daisy"

## VICKI JEAN SCHARP

(February 10, 1968 – April 29, 2022)

Vicki Jean Scharp "Daisy" was born in Wayne, Michigan to Jimmy and Virginia Thomas on February 10, 1968.

She went to Belleville High and graduated in 1986. She enjoyed spending time with her grandkids, playing pool, gardening and being the social butterfly, everyone knew and loved. She leaves behind her two daughters, Alley (Aaron) Scharp and Amanda (Scott) Flores; parents, Virginia & Jimmy Thomas; sister, Beverly (Steve) Thomas-Jones; six grandkids, Ashton, Aria, Athena, Jayda, Scarlet and Kirk and 1 nephew; Evan.

Husband Family Funeral Home 2401 S. Wayne Rd. Visitation Thursday, May 5, 2-6pm with Funeral Service at 6pm.

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Breanna McCluskey, a Belleville High School senior who will be graduating with a 4.0 grade point average, signed with Alma College Soccer Team on Friday, April 22. She will be attending Alma with a major in kinesiology/exercise science.

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## More Letters

### Careless usage of words cannot be tolerated

To the editor:

This is an open letter to: VBPS Board president Amy Pierce, board member Dionne Falconer, and VBPS Superintendent Kudlak:

As a taxpayer, voter, and resident of Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville for over 60 years, and, myself being a retired former public school employee, I can truthfully say I have never seen printed, or verbalized, a more careless and potentially destructive public use of WORDS the likes of which I have read and re-read, in the April 28 issue of our local *Belleville-Area Independent*, page 3, re: metal detectors.

Please allow me to offer my prayerful advice to you while I say: Be very careful in your choice of words; they can be, and most often are, interpreted as either beneficial / CONstructive or harmful / DEstructive.

It is my fervent prayer that all public speakers, especially those elected or appointed to roles of authority, to consider first and foremost, "weighing" each WORD, either in public meetings, or privately, BEFORE using a WORD that may cause great pain, damage, and/or division especially within our tri-communities, and throughout our nation.

Every WORD spoken in public by any board member, teacher, administrator, and superintendent must be totally UN-BIASED and representative of ALL people.

America's Constitution guarantees us ALL speech freedom.

Nevertheless, our laws do penalize anyone who wantonly displays/entices any form of reckless, un-leashed speech – i.e. falsely shouting "fire" in

a crowded gathering or event. Our beloved tri-community townships of Van Buren and Sumpter and the City of Belleville have long enjoyed and benefitted greatly by aiding and sharing vital help and protection from within and beyond. These, our servants, rightly deserve our utmost respect, support and encouragement.

NOTE: Guns, drugs, and yes, even the deadly, suicidal FENTANYL, have invaded our schools and community.

As reported, local crime is definitely increasing/surging!

UNwise, careless and thoughtless usage of WORDS cannot be tolerated! Our current/recent topic: "Curriculum Indoctrination" still remains

an "invasive" issue. Recalling the careless and thoughtless WORDS used openly and freely at the above-mentioned school board meeting, I am even more concerned!

A common and most often-used tactic seen today throughout our nation is "Divide and Conquer." Within our school's curriculum?

Another "sneak" attack along with "Critical Race Theory"?

"Genital Transitioning" Indoctrination? And, yet more?

Careless speech -- WORDS -- can and will initiate division!

I would like to encourage all of our tri-community citizens, voters and taxpayers to stay

ALERT, ever-watchful and active in detecting suspicious WORDS, words of division and/or mind control. Please join me in reminding our elected officials, "Our votes 'put' them in office and our votes can 'remove' them from office." Our "officials" were elected to serve our students and parents; they were not elected to speak WORDS of division!

Parents and voters: Stand up and speak out with steadfast love and boldness; guide and protect our vulnerable children. Their minds are precious!

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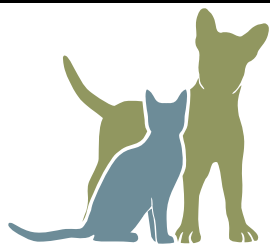
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## More Letters

### Not Belleville that I remember -- Get Along!

Dear Belleville Educators, Government and Townspeople:

In the 1960s, my dad and I cleaned the typewriters during the summer before fall classes at Belleville High School. It was a labor of love, especially during lunch when we patronized the local home-made food at the local restaurants. This week, I stopped for a donut and coffee on the outskirts of town and was shocked at the frontpage stories of crime and gun-concealment in the *Independent* (April 28, 2022) and the superintendent of Belleville Schools threatening to resign if the board did not embrace his opinion about metal detectors. Here is how I would have designed the paper to help diffuse the aura created by

the reporting of the paper and present a better image for the community.

Hopeful negotiations in the offing --  
**RATHER THAN RESIGNATION**

Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Pete Kudlak and Board of Education President Amy Pearce will jointly engage in Democracy in Action and achieve a negotiated settlement over the issue of metal detectors in schools. In a joint statement, they said, "Rather than threatening to resign our positions, we are setting an example for the district and our students in meeting peacefully to discuss the issue."

**LOTS OF SMILES WITH SCHOOL MUSICAL!** "Seussical, the Musical" showed the talents of Belleville students. The Tiger Drama Group, in front of large audiences last weekend. The group included. . .

### Editorial

(Proposal) Two Belleville Service clubs, the Kiwanis and Rotary, offer to dedicate their annual projects for "the improvement of the cohesiveness in the school system and the community." Rotary and Kiwanis are the two of the largest civic, international organizations. Local Belleville web sites are: rotary-belleville.org & @BellevilleKiwanis on Facebook.

"Here Come the Judge(s)!"

### COMMUNITY DAY AT THE COURT

The newly completed 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Building, 11129 Wayne Road, has a brand-new shine for Community Day, Friday, May 6. In addition to tours, attendees can enjoy a car show, food trucks, public safety demonstrations, pet adoptions and more.

### "Served Working Life as Public Servant"

PERRY LEE CARNAHAN - Lifelong Belleville resident, Perry Carnahan, made a smooth transition from Belleville HS graduation into continuous employment with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department until his retirement. He passed away on April 22, 2022 at the age of 69. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

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This photo was taken from Van Buren Park on Sunday when the University of Michigan rowed against University of Louisville on Belleville Lake. Photographer Angie Garcia-Johnson said they had never been to a rowing match before but enjoy their daily practices as they row past on the lake -- shivering in all kinds of weather. U of M won the contest and results can be found at mgoblue.com. It was a very blustery, chilly morning with a subdued crowd of Wolverine and opponent Cardinal fans. U of M is ranked fifth in NCAA rowing. It placed fourth at championships last year and has Big Ten and NCAA championships this month.

## BHS at-home games

- **Thursday, May 5:** Boys Varsity Golf vs. Stevenson, 3 p.m. at Willow Metro Park GC; Varsity Softball vs. Dearborn, DH, 4 p.m.
- **Friday, May 6:** Boys Varsity Golf vs. Dearborn, 2:30 p.m. at Willow Metro Park GC
- **Monday, May 9:** Boys Varsity Golf vs. Wayne Memorial, 3 p.m. at Willow Metro Park GC; Varsity Baseball vs. Wayne Memorial, DH, 4 p.m.; Varsity Softball vs. Wayne Memorial, DH, 4 p.m.; Boys

Varsity Lacrosse vs. Salem, 5:30 p.m.

- **Tuesday, May 10:** Girls Varsity Tennis vs. KLAA Crossover, 4 p.m.; Girls JV Soccer vs. Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Stevenson, 7 p.m.

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# Belleville DDA

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“What does that mean?” asked Denise Baker, a member of the Finance subcommittee with Treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams.

McGovern said the DDA could meet with them and see what they need or give them the money.

Baker, a CPA who co-owns her business in the DDA district, said that amount of money could do some serious marketing.

Treasurer Richardson-Williams asked about the \$50,000 line item and was told \$25,000 of that would be for the Chamber and \$25,000 for McLean for maintenance of the downtown.

Richardson-Williams said the budget has a \$10,000 line item for promotions and she didn't know they were doing something else.

Baker said Economic Development is more than maintenance, which is more capital outlay. McGovern said this is a “starting point.”

Richardson-Williams asked what is a “partnership” and McGovern replied they don't specifically know, but the Chamber budget for the festival is \$75,000.

McLean said \$25,000 would be good. “For what?” Richardson-Williams asked.

McGovern said the DDA would meet with them and see what they need.

Mayor Kerreen Conley, who sits on the DDA, said the DDA didn't open up this “partnership” to any other group, just Lake Fest. She said the Lake Fest is in the Belleville community and Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara says the lake is his and he loves his Lake Fest.

She said they have seen one year of Lake Fest and it was going to become a 501c3 and then didn't.

“Twenty-five-thousand dollars without an idea of what for?” Mayor Conley asked. She said Lake Fest doesn't want to pay for police and fire services, yet the city makes every other group pay. She said the other groups may say, “Why aren't you partnering with us?” and “Isn't my activity as good as theirs?”

“If it's a partnership, we should open it up to other groups,” Mayor Conley said. “What if the Council for the Arts wanted music twice a week in different locations in the city? We didn't ask others.”

McGovern said in the DDA's strategic planning session they talked about partnerships. She said the Chamber is putting on one big thing for all and they are the only one putting it on.

“I feel we need to be transparent,” Mayor Conley insisted. “Our ‘sponsorships’ fill out applications. I don't remember the chamber coming to us. They do bring value.”

“They don't operate out of that building [that they use as their address at 248 Main St.] and though they have a banner, there is no presence,” Conley said.

“Hand over \$25,000 and they're profitable. What if \$25,000 is left over?” Conley asked.

“I feel we had no conversation on this,” Conley said, noting the DDA provided seed money for the Belleville Area Council for the Arts for the first two years of Music Lakeside.

McGovern said this is the starting point for a potential partnership. She asked if they wanted to do something new or keep it the way it's always been.

Richardson-Williams said the last she heard, the Chamber was going to get a 501c3 and McWilliams replied, “They said they'd rather not.”

Mayor Conley said it hadn't been filed for the DDA's request for sponsorship money and, “We let that go without any further conversation. They did well last year.”

Mayor Conley said the DDA's sponsorships go one to an organization and the Chamber had Lake Fest and Winter Fest, which was two.

“That policy is a little gray,” she said, suggesting maybe the DDA should consider sponsorships per event.

McGovern said they gave the Central Business Community \$2,000 and they do a lot of things. “If we did per event, we could change that.”

Mayor Conley said the DDA could consider how many people the event brings to the city. She noted at the strategic planning session the DDA members talked about a lot of things.

“All of the surrounding area has to be lifted up,” McGovern said.

Mayor Conley suggested having a marketing line item, with a part-time person for social media to truly market the downtown. She said they could get a lot of input from businesses to get ideas for marketing.

McGovern said they could meet with the Chamber and ask them, “What are you looking for us to do?”

She said hiring a marketing firm or having a Chamber partnership? She said it's a great starting point and they can't get blocked on just one thing.

“The Chamber is doing a lot of good things. They're supporting small businesses,” she said. [The Chamber has announced an “Economic Outlook” event in cooperation with McGovern's business, Edward Jones Financial, at 11 a.m., May 23.]

She suggested they go back to the drawing board.

McWilliams said a lot of people are involved in the Chamber and she wants to back them in some way.

“I'm not in the DDA district, but I support events,” McWilliams said.



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# City of Belleville Public Notice

## POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON **Wednesday, May 11th, 2022 at 10 am**, at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicles will be held:

**2006 FORD, FOCUS, VIN: 1FAFP37N86W168022**  
**2009 SATURN, AURA, VIN: 1G8ZS57B89F123264**

**DATE:** May 2, 2022 **BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**6 MAIN STREET**  
**PUBLISH:** May 5, 2022 **BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111**  
**BY BRIANA HOOTMAN,**  
**CITY CLERK**



May 5 – Sue Bourgeois, Jerry LaVaute, Jerry Lawhorn, David Cappelli, Bob Bourgeois  
 May 6 – Brenda Leonard  
 May 7 – Terri Morioka  
 May 9 – Joyce Rochowiak, Marilyn Locke, Joe Watkins  
 May 11 – Dinara Strikis  
 May 20 – Anna Hose

# City of Belleville Public Notice

## CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Monday, April 18, 2022 - 7:30 pm VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM. Those attending in-person were required to complete a Covid-19 health screening form. All persons who had not been vaccinated for Covid-19 were required to wear a mask while in City Hall. The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt at 7:30 p.m.

### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

#### 2. ROLL CALL

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Council Member Bates | Present |
| Council Member Henry | Present |
| Council Member Jones | Present |
| Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt  | Present |
| Mayor Conley         | Absent  |

### 3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

#### A. Presentations

(1) None

#### B. Council Follow Up List

(1) Council Member Bates inquired as to where the city stands with the production of the signage for the BORA DORA district.

#### C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

(1) None

### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to approve the agenda as presented.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Council Member Bates | Aye |
| Council Member Henry | Aye |
| Council Member Jones | Aye |
| Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt  | Aye |

#### Motion Carried.

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 4, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council  
**MOTION:** Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, April 4, 2022.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Council Member Bates | Aye |
| Council Member Henry | Aye |
| Council Member Jones | Aye |
| Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt  | Aye |

#### Motion Carried.

B. April 11, 2022, Special Meeting of the City Council  
**MOTION:** Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to approve the Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting – Departmental Budget Study Session held on Monday, April 11, 2022.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Council Member Bates | Aye |
| Council Member Henry | Aye |
| Council Member Jones | Aye |
| Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt  | Aye |

#### Motion Carried.

### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None.

### 7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A. None.

### 8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) Special Event Application – Wedding at Horizon Park

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution # 22-035** authorizing Cindy Lunsford to decorate the pavilion and hold her wedding ceremony at Horizon Park on September 10, 2022.

### ROLL CALL VOTE:

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Council Member Bates | Aye |
| Council Member Jones | Aye |
| Council Member Henry | Aye |
| Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt  | Aye |

#### Motion Carried.

B) Special Event Application – VFW & PLAV Memorial Day Program

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to approve **Resolution # 22-036** authorizing the VFW Post 4434 and PLAV Post 167 to hold their Memorial Day Program at the Veteran's Memorial on High St. on May 30, 2022, at 11 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Council Member Bates | Aye |
| Council Member Jones | Aye |
| Council Member Henry | Aye |
| Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt  | Aye |

#### Motion Carried.

### C) DPW Work Logs

Deputy City Manager McLean provided an update on the progress with the daily work logs implemented for the Department of Public Works, stating that the system seems to be working and is a great tool to track the workers' time.

### 9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution #22-034** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Council Member Henry | Aye |
| Council Member Bates | Aye |
| Council Member Jones | Aye |
| Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt  | Aye |

#### Motion Carried.

### 10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• City Manager Robinson stated that he will be sending the Council Members an email tomorrow, providing them with city domain based email addresses and passwords to access them.

• Said that the Flop E Bunny event held on April 16<sup>th</sup> was a huge success, and the weather was great.

### 11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Bates

-- Appreciates the utilization of the DPW work logs, and realizes the time and effort it takes to implement new projects such as this.

• Council Member Henry

-- No comments.

• Council Member Jones

-- Thanked everyone who attended Flop E Bunny, as it was a huge success.

### 12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt commented that he is pleased with the progress that the city is making in many areas.

### 13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• None.

### 14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

• Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt stated that he would like to see consideration of Pastor White of Grace Baptist Church's request to have the BORA DORA district boundaries altered.

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

No objections were noted.

#### Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman, City Clerk

Approved: 5/2/22

Posted: 5/3/22

Published: 5/5/22

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **May 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room. **Members of the public may additionally participate in the meeting electronically** per guidance provided by the Wayne County Local Public Health Department for meetings of governmental bodies held under public act 228 of 2020, effective January 1, 2022. Instructions for attending the meeting electronically are provided in this notice. The Planning Commission will consider the following request:

- Case 22-022:** A request by Crossroads Distribution Center North, LLC on behalf of owner Michael Davis to rezone the following property as described below:

6690 Haggerty Road (parcel ID number V-125-83-008-99-0009-000). 1.81 acres. To be rezoned from R-1B – Single Family Residential to M-1 – Light Industrial.

Members of the public may access the agenda materials via the Township website – [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org) beginning **May 20, 2022**. On the meeting website, members of the public will also gain access to **means of participating in the electronic meeting**. **On the agenda for the meeting**, a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access will be provided. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel which can be reached from the live meeting link located on the Van Buren Township website home page ([www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org)). Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video.

A complete **procedure for public comment by electronic means** is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website ([www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org)). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments or questions about the meeting via e-mail to [dpower@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:dpower@vanburen-mi.org).

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Posted: May 2, 2022

Published: May 5, 2022



# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 242 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.*

**Sunday, April 24:**  
0045 – noise complaint, Huron River Dr.  
0128 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Ln.  
0333 – personal injury accident, Stonebridge Dr.  
0452 – misc. complaint, Gilmore St.  
0656 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse  
0709 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0823 – motorist assist, S. I-94 Service/Belleville  
0850 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.  
0858 – lost property/child, Tyler Rd.  
0913 -- animal complaint, Mida Dr.  
1005 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood  
1054 – assist other dept., Winchester St.  
1313 – shooting, Ashbury Dr.  
1335 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
1436 – harassment call, Lohr Rd.  
1531 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1622 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Belleville Rd.

1628 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Oak Ln.  
1638 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.  
1655 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.  
1826 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pond Bluff Dr.  
1835 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.  
1853 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
1902 – domestic, W. Huron River Dr.  
1901 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.  
1913 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pebblebrook Dr.  
1938 – parking complaint, Lake Villa Dr.  
1949 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2137 – 911 welfare check, Rolan Meadows Dr.  
2136 – misc. complaint, Mida Dr.

**Monday, April 25:**  
0034 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Bellridge  
0052 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.  
0134 – warrant arrest, Michigan  
0331 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville  
0747 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Cir.  
0847 – property damage accident, WB Michigan Ave./bypass  
0904 – family trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
0937 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville I-94 ramp E / EB I-94

1010 – 911 welfare check, Oak Ln.  
1156 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
1217 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.  
1235 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1311 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.  
1320 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton  
1516 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
1628 – property damage accident, Wildbrook Dr.  
1730 – civil matter, Meadows Ln.  
1824 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Stamford Rd.  
1834 – larceny, Wilson Ave.  
1842 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.  
2120 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodwall Ct.  
2202 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2304 – 911 welfare check, Holly Ln.  
2316 – domestic, Landmark  
2323 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
2323 – civil matter, Birch Dr.

**Tuesday, April 26:**  
0003 – fight, Belleville Rd.  
0005 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victoria St.  
0023 – missing person, Belleville Rd.  
0155 – intrusion alarm, Bayshore Dr.  
0448 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0925 – assist other dept., Belleville/Quirk  
1116 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.  
1225 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.  
1435 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1452 – assist other dept., E I-94/Belleville Rd.  
1453 – juvenile complaint, McBride  
1510 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1537 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
/ S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1756 – welfare check, Quirk Rd.  
1814 – abandoned auto, North Shore Dr.  
1905 – suicidal person, Belmont Dr.  
1946 – juvenile complaint, Basswood Cir.  
2152 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.  
2236 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.

**Wednesday, April 27:**  
0026 – family trouble, Lenmoore Ave.  
0230 – welfare check, Michigan Ave.  
0437 – robbery, Ecorse Rd.  
0832 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.  
0850 – fraud, Crowley Ave.  
1023 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1051 – larceny from auto, Edwards Rd.  
1105 – civil matter, Sumpter Rd.  
1320 – fraud, Bemis Rd.  
1347 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1353 – intrusion alarm, W. Walden Dr.  
1402 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1402 – welfare check, Buchanan St.  
1418 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1458 – intrusion alarm, Winding Pond Dr.  
1501 – assist fire dept., Park Estates Dr.  
1540 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1545 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1547 – parking complaint, Nautica Dr.  
1611 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1706 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.  
1724 – welfare check, Sadie Ln.  
1806 – suicidal person, Anna Dr.  
1837 – juvenile complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1936 – private property impound, Haggerty Rd.  
2028 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
2314 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
2334 – welfare check, Outer Dr.  
2358 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.

**Thursday, April 28:**  
0140 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.  
0422 – assist fire dept., Rawsonville Rd.  
0711 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
1054 – suspicious person/vehicle, Crowley Ave.  
1105 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln.  
1140 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robson Rd.  
1203 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1245 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse  
1301 – traffic offense, Sadie Ln.  
1419 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1441 – intrusion alarm, Walden Ct.  
1512 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
1622 – assist fire dept., Meadows Ln.  
1742 – assist fire dept., Linda Vista Ct.  
1808 – property damage accident, Michigan Service Dr. / Gilmore St.  
1820 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.  
1833 – suicidal person, N. Cumberland Dr.  
1936 – animal complaint, McBride Ave.  
2144 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.  
2211 – missing person, Ash Dr.  
2228 – intrusion alarm, W. Archwood Dr.  
2254 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.

**Friday, April 29:**  
0028 – misc. complaint, Haggerty Rd.  
0126 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Ln.  
0244 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0302 – assist other dept., Ruthan Dr./Marina Dr.  
0631 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0716 – welfare check, Denton Rd./Michigan Ave.  
1031 – breaking & entering, Oak ln.  
1050 – welfare check, Republic Dr.  
1106 – mental subject, Ironwood Dr.  
1244 – vehicle lockout, Meadows Ct.  
1259 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1331 – assist other dept., Martz Rd.  
1430 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sheldon Rd.  
1435 – trespassing, Ecorse Rd.  
1501 – civil matter, Outer Dr.  
1525 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.  
1605 – assist fire dept., Westlake  
1637 – juvenile complaint, Maple Dr.  
1640 – juvenile complaint, S. Purple Sage Ct.  
1651 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.  
1707 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Hannan Rd.

1754 – civil matter, Birch Dr.  
1759 – overdose, Savage Rd.  
1812 – noise complaint, Wildbrook Dr.  
1844 – unattended death, Rose Blvd.  
2211 – traffic offense, Belleville/N. I-94 Service  
2241 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.  
2255 – assist fire dept., E. Schooner Dr.  
2306 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

**Saturday, April 30:**  
0024 – suspicious person/vehicle, Water’s Edge  
0036 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Cir.  
0038 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0158 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0242 – suspicious person/vehicle, Milton Dr. / Country Walk Blvd.  
0344 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Coca-Cola Dr.  
0524 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1024 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.  
1036 – found property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1037 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1108 – civil matter, Kahla Dr.  
1119 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1401 – intrusion alarm, Alba Ct.  
1504 – threat, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1536 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.  
1543 – intrusion alarm, Red Oak Dr.  
1707 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.  
1709 – ordinance violation, Martz Rd./Hoeft Rd.  
1726 – threat, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1741 – juvenile complaint, Van Buren St.  
1852 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.  
1923 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1922 – juvenile complaint, Van Buren St.  
2003 – felony assault, Van Born Rd./Belleville Rd.  
2032 – intrusion alarm, Edwards Rd.  
2149 – Menards property check, Belleville Rd.  
2229 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 50 traffic stops, with one of those on the I-94 freeway.

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, April 24:**  
0904 – disorderly, Sunoco  
0937 – vehicle impound, Main St./Fourth St.  
1008 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St. / Fifth St.  
1301 – traffic stop, S. Edgemont/E. Huron River  
1412 – traffic stop, E. Wabash Ave./South St.  
1719 – animal complaint, Victorian Ln.  
1844 – intrusion alarm S. Industrial Park Dr.  
2010 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty  
2049 – traffic offense, Sumpter Rd.  
2109 – follow-up by officer, Sumpter Rd.

**Monday, April 25:**  
0520 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1322 – assist fire dept., Main St.  
1325 – larceny, Edison Ave.  
1520 – property damage accident, South St./E. Davis St.  
1900 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia  
2041 – traffic stop, Fifth St./N. Liberty St.  
2353 – traffic stop, S. Liberty St./E. Columbia  
2359 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.

**Tuesday, April 26:**  
0007 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.  
1756 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.  
1843 – welfare check, Victorian Ln.  
2338 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.

**Wednesday, April 27:**  
0020 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.  
0308 – intrusion alarm, Main St.  
1053 – juvenile complaint, Fourth St.  
1201 – traffic stop, E. Huron River/Madelon  
1217 – traffic stop, S. Liberty/E. Columbia  
1253 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
1538 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon  
1550 – traffic stop, S. Liberty St./E. Columbia  
1600 – traffic stop, S. Liberty St./E. Columbia  
1615 – traffic stop, S. Liberty St.  
1629 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon  
1637 – traffic stop, Angola St./Robbe St.  
2056 – assist other dept., Menlo Park Dr.

**Thursday, April 28:**  
0730 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St.  
0914 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
0956 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1029 – parking complaint, Aberdeen  
1112 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.  
1119 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1121 – juvenile complaint, Fourth St.  
1258 – assist fire dept., Anaheim St.  
1350 – traffic stop, Village Park/Savage  
1432 – traffic stop, south St.  
1502 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.  
1634 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St.  
1807 – traffic offense, Church St./W. Columbia  
1954 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd./Denton  
2127 – traffic stop, N. Biggs/E. Huron River Dr.  
2321 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.

**Friday, April 29:**  
0609 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.  
0925 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Edgemont  
1304 – parking complaint, Fifth St.  
1350 – malicious destruction of property, Sumpter  
2017 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.

**Saturday, April 30:**  
0026 – assist citizen, Menlo Park Dr.  
0231 – traffic stop, Church St./Second St.  
1845 – mental subject, E. Columbia Ave.  
2155 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
2234 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.  
There were 27 traffic stops on this week’s log.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, April 24:**  
0124 – noise complaint, Greenmeadow Dr.  
0247 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Clark Rd. / Wear Rd.  
0628 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
0703 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
0859 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1233 – reckless driver, Karr Rd./Willis Rd.  
1249 – follow-up investigation, 51000 bl. Wear  
1816 – shots fired, Willis Rd./Sherwood Rd.  
1855 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
2222 – noise complaint, Timberlane Dr.  
2246 – suspicious person, Elwell Rd./Judd Rd.  
2316 – family trouble, Edgewood Dr.

**Monday, April 25:**  
0537 – death investigation, 24000 bl. Sumpter  
0802 – noise complaint, Timberlane Dr.  
0947 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1014 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr./Redwood  
1036 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.  
1114 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1241 – traffic complaint/hazard, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1357 – fire dept. assist, Magnolia Dr.  
1539 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1842 – alarm, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1856 – alarm, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2004 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd./Judd Rd.  
**Tuesday, April 26:**  
0110 – suspicious circumstance, Rawsonville Rd. / Rustic Ln.  
0658 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0800 – reckless driver, Bemis Rd./Rawsonville Rd.  
0807 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
0814 – welfare check, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1036 – welfare check, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1041 – civil matter, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1156 – alarm, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1242 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1411 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1431 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1452 – suspicious person, Timberlane Dr.  
1606 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1811 – suspicious person, New Mexico  
2033 – suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Harris  
2110 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter Rd./Wear Rd.

**Wednesday, April 27:**  
0024 – neighbor dispute, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.  
0429 – suspicious circumstance, Utah Ct.  
0948 – follow-up investigation, 48000 bl. Willis  
1305 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1347 – welfare check, 120000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1401 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1524 – prisoner check, Huron Twp. PD  
1529 – suspicious person, 10000 bl. Rawsonville  
1710 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2144 – disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2250 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.

**Thursday, April 28:**  
1144 – alarm, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1157 – alarm, 4900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.  
1320 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1525 – family trouble, Creekside Dr.  
1659 – suspicious person, Timberland Dr.  
2114 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2229 – fire dept. assist, Delaware St.

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## Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter Township is inviting everyone to their BBQ fundraiser this Saturday, May 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Romulus Athletic Center. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids 5-12, and free for children 4 and under. The menu includes BBQ Pulled Pork dinner or Vegetarian Sloppy Joe dinners complete with chips, side dish, and dessert. Raffle baskets will be available to win and adult beverages

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seats in the Artist's Circle, and \$14 for general seating if purchased in advance, or \$15 at the door. For tickets call (734) 697-7456 or visit [www.bethanybiblechurch.com](http://www.bethanybiblechurch.com) and at [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com).

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Optimum Natural Distributors will be celebrating their Grand Opening on Saturday, May 14, at 9 a.m. at their location at 307 Industrial Park Dr. in the Davenport Plaza off Sumpter Road. Ronald Harris and family are the owners and operators. OND is a wholesaler and retailer of unique and hard to find health products, such as Alkaline Water, black Seed, Colloidal Silver, Sea Moss, Soursop, Haratak, Optimum 3 Blend (mineral), Pain Liniment, Alkaline, and filtered ice in prepackaged bags.

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION

#### PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW DRAFT SUMPTER ROAD CORRIDOR PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at their regular meeting on **May 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room. **Members of the public may additionally participate in the meeting electronically** per guidance provided by the Wayne County Local Public Health Department for meetings of governmental bodies held under public act 228 of 2020, effective January 1, 2022. Instructions for attending the meeting electronically are provided in this notice. The Planning Commission will consider the following request:

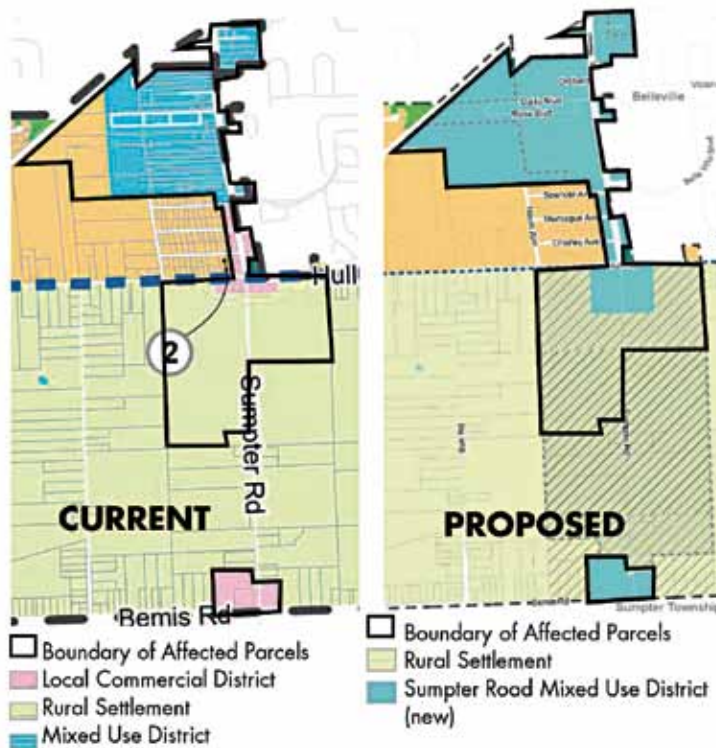
The Charter Township of Van Buren has completed a draft amendment to its 2020 Master Plan to address a sub area located along and near Sumpter Road between Bemis Road and Industrial Park Drive. **Consistent with the provisions of Michigan Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended (the Michigan Planning Enabling Act), the Charter Township of Van Buren will hold a public hearing and hear comments regarding this draft Master Plan Amendment.** The Plan includes an amendment to the Township's Future Land Use Map to change the future land use designation of property as shown in the image to the right, to Sumpter Road Mixed Use District.

A copy of the Plan is uploaded to the Township's website (<http://vanburen-mi.org>) for review and comment. On the agenda for the meeting, a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access will be provided. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel. Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video.

A complete **procedure for public comment by electronic means** is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website ([www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org)). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments or questions about the meeting via e-mail to [dpower@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:dpower@vanburen-mi.org).

To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900 extension 9205.

Posted: May 2, 2022  
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Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road is holding Family Feud Live this Friday, May 6, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. The event is open to the public and costs \$5 per person and up to 6 people on a team per table. Snacks can be brought in and there will be a cash bar available.

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Willow United Methodist Church at 36925 Willow Road in New Boston will be holding another drive-through chicken dinner fundraiser on May 11, beginning at 4:30 p.m. until sold out. Cost is \$14 for carry-outs. (Cash or check only) Menu features 4 pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, biscuits and gravy, green beans, Cole slaw, and a choice slice of pie. Call to order at (734) 654-9020.

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Yankee Air Museum's Bombers, Berries, & Brews event is this Saturday, May 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. at its location at Willow Run Airport. Advance tickets are \$45 for adults 21 years and older and \$55 at the door. Tickets include 12 free tasting tickets, (five for \$5). Attendees will also be able to get up-close to the museum's flying aircraft collection. Visit [www.yankeearmuseum.org](http://www.yankeearmuseum.org) and call (734) 483-4030.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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### Friday, April 29:

0605 – trespass complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0920 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.  
1213 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1321 – fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1608 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1942 – fire dept. assist, Knollwood Dr.  
2223 – welfare check, Florida St.  
2358 – traffic complaint/hazard, Knollwood Dr.

### Saturday, April 30:

0013 – welfare check, Florida St.  
1015 – traffic complaint/hazard, 44000 bl. Willis  
1246 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1340 – traffic complaint/hazard, 44000 bl. Willis  
1402 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1530 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.  
1540 – mental health call, Knollwood Dr.  
1913 – disorderly person, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.  
1953 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
2048 – suspicious circumstance, 25000 bl. Elwell  
2107 – noise complaint, Willow Rd./Elwell Rd.  
Also on this week's log are 161 patrol checks, 61 traffic stops, and one misc. detail.





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